

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13 and 16. The status of the claims is as follows:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate having thereon a pixel electrode and an active element;

a second substrate having thereon an opposed electrode;~~and~~

a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first and second substrates with
said electrodes facing each other;; and

~~wherein~~ a first orientation control element extending in a nonparallel direction
relative to an extending direction of an edge of said pixel electrode, and a second orientation
control element extending from said first orientation element in a parallel direction relative to
an extending direction of said edge ~~are~~ provided on at least one of said first and second
substrates;~~and~~

wherein said second orientation control element has a constant width, and said
width is smaller than a width of said first orientation control element.

14. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one of
said first and second orientation control elements is a slit formed in said pixel electrode or
said opposed electrode.

15. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a protrusion formed on said pixel electrode or said opposed electrode.

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 13, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of ~~said~~ liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer is negative.

17. (Canceled)

18-33. (Canceled)